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INDY SNOW FORCE MEETS LOCAL AGENCIES IN WINTER OPERATIONS PREPARATION *City seeks more coordination to offer increased residential service*

INDIANAPOLIS – Today leaders of the city's newly enhanced Indy Snow Force met representatives from local agencies including Public Safety, IndyGo, Citizens Gas, public and charter schools and transportation directors from surrounding townships to present an overview of this year's snow removal operations plan.

The purpose of the meeting was to continue efforts to better coordinate snow removal operations in the upcoming winter season. Indy Snow Force officials believe that working more closely with other local agencies will result in more efficiency during snow events resulting in better service for city residents.

"In addition to establishing clear expectations of Indy Snow Force in this year's winter season, coordination of this type allows us to maximize our efforts through the input of other key service groups," said Chief Operations Officer Jim Little. "When we can all coordinate our efforts during a winter weather event, this translates to clearer, safer streets for resident and commuter travel."

Indy Snow Force, the city's updated snow operations program boasts several major improvements. Last week, Mayor Greg Ballard and DPW Director David Sherman announced enhancements to the city's snow removal plan that provides increased service capacity for the 2009/2010 winter snow season.

Some Indy Snow Force enhancements include:

- A 40% upgrade of the city's snow fleet featuring thirty-seven 2009 International Model snow trucks.
- All 37 of the new snow trucks are outfitted with diesel particulate filters (DPFs) that can reduce pollution by up to 90%.
- An additional 2 – 3 tons of salt capacity per new snow truck allowing fewer reloads resulting in increased efficiency.
- An 80% upgrade to the contract fleet adding an additional 300 pieces of equipment to be utilized in residential snow removal during snow events of 6" or more.

City officials have committed to continually seeking ways to enhance the city's snow operations plan throughout the winter season.

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